

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

3. (Twice amended) A carrier member according to claim 1 wherein said at least one surface that is not parallel to the common plane of the contact surfaces and on which the metallized surfaces are located, is disposed at an angle of 90° relative to the common plane of the contact surfaces.

Claim 4 has been amended as follows:

4. (Twice amended) A carrier member according to claim 1 wherein said carrier body has two walls disposed at an angle of 90° relative to the common plane of the contact surfaces, a base disposed perpendicular to the walls and parallel to the common plane of the contact surfaces, and two end walls that are perpendicular to the base and the walls.

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Twice amended) A carrier member according to claim 1 wherein said carrier body has channel-shaped depressions situated between the metallic contact surfaces and the metallized surfaces, the channel-shaped depressions not being metallized.

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (Twice amended) A carrier member according to claim 5, wherein said channel-shaped depressions are disposed on the common plane of the contact surfaces and comprising further channel-shaped depressions disposed on said at least one surface that is not parallel to the common plane of the contact surfaces, said further channel-shaped depressions arranged on various planes forming channel edges.

25 Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

10. (Twice amended) A carrier member according to claim 1 wherein said contact surfaces deviate from precise co-planarity with each other by less than 100 µm.

Claim 11 has been amended as follows:

11. (Twice amended) A carrier member according to claim 1 comprising a base disposed parallel to the common plane of the contact surfaces, and a conical frustum disposed on an inside surface of the base and projecting toward an interior of said carrier body.

5 Claim 12 has been amended as follows:

12. (Twice amended) A carrier member according to claim 1 comprising a base disposed parallel to the common plane of the contact surfaces, and a core with a winding disposed on an inside surface of the base
10 in a direction toward an interior of said carrier body.

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